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LIFETIME  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Commissioner:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on May 27, 2009, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply ending on August 27, 2009. A petition for an extension of time (two months) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is submitted with this filing to extend the time to reply through October 27, 2009. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee for the time extension, as well as any additional fees occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 04-1105 under reference number 84376(303989).

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.